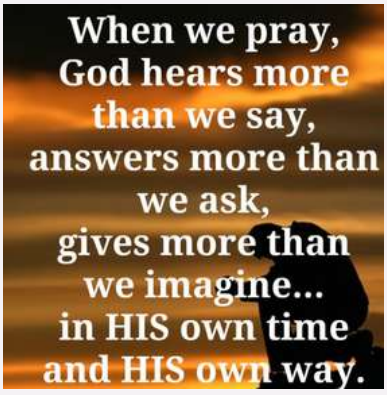
Learning and loving with Christ as our teacher

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2025





July Dates

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

June was a very busy month in school!

Highlights included the Year 4 Multiplication Check, Year 1 Phonics Screening, Phase 3/4's trip to Knebworth House, Father's Day Assemblies, Sports Days, and celebrations for the Feast Days of St Anthony, the Sacred Heart and St Peter. Pupils also enjoyed visits to Bushey Baptist Church and the Watford Mosque, as well as taking part in One World Week and International Day. You will find out more about these in the newsletter.

Looking ahead to July, we're excited for the Phase 5/6 Production, Phase 3/4 Mass, trips to Whipsnade Zoo and Willows Activity Farm, Transition Day, St Anne's Feast Day, and our Year 6 Leavers' Mass.

Thank you for your continued support as we move into the final weeks of the school year.

Best wishes,
Mrs Smith



Phase 3/4 Trip To Knebworth House

On Tuesday 11th June, our Phase 3/4 pupils enjoyed a fantastic day out at Knebworth House. As part of their history learning, the children took part in an engaging Tudor workshop, where they explored what life was like during the Tudor period through hands-on activities and interactive storytelling. After the workshop, the children had great fun playing on the adventure fort, making the most of the exciting structures and open space.
We were incredibly proud of the excellent behaviour displayed throughout the day – a real credit to our school. A huge thank you goes to the staff and parent volunteers who supported the trip and helped make it such a memorable experience for the children.









St Anthony's Feast Day

On Friday 13th June, St Anthony's Class came together to joyfully celebrate their special feast day. The children began the day with a beautiful collective worship, reflecting on the life and values of St Anthony, the patron saint of lost things.

Throughout the day, the class took part in a variety of themed activities to deepen their understanding of their class saint. One particularly fun and meaningful activity involved searching for lost pictures hidden around the classroom.

It was a wonderful day of learning, reflection, and celebration. Well done to all the children for their enthusiasm and reverence throughout the day.

PRAYER TO SAINT ANTHONY
TO RECOVER LOST THINGS

O blessed St. Anthony,
the grace of God has made you a powerful advocate
in all our needs and the patron
for the restoring of things lost or stolen.
I turn to you today with childlike love and deep confidence.
You have helped countless children of God
to find the things they have lost,
material things, and, more importantly,
the things of the spirit: faith, hope, and love.
I come to you with confidence;
help me in my present need.
I recommend what I have lost to your care,
in the hope that God will restore it to me,
if it is His holy Will.

Amen.





Phase 3/4 and Phase 5/6 Sports' Days

On Wednesday 18th June, pupils from Phase 3/4 and Phase 5/6 enjoyed an action-packed Sports Day filled with fun, teamwork, and fantastic sporting spirit. The children took part in a range of exciting activities and races, showcasing their energy, determination, and support for one another.

A special thank you goes to our Year 5 pupils, who helped to run the Phase 3/4 Sports Day. They were excellent role models—organised, encouraging, and full of enthusiasm. A big thank you to all of the staff who helped to make this a special event.

The event ended on a high note with a lively parents' penalty shoot-out, which added plenty of laughs and friendly competition.

Well done to all the children for their brilliant behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the day. It was a truly memorable event enjoyed by all.









One World Week

During the week beginning 23rd June, we celebrated our annual One World Week—a wonderful opportunity for children to explore and appreciate different cultures, faiths, and traditions from around the globe.

Throughout the week, pupils engaged in a range of activities and learning experiences focused on diversity, respect, and understanding. Phase 1/2 enjoyed a visit to Bushey Baptist Church, where they learned about Christian beliefs and practices in a warm and welcoming environment. Phase 5/6 visited Watford Mosque, gaining valuable insight into Islamic faith and community life.

Before half term, Phase 3/4 also took part in One World Week by visiting The London Spiritual Centre, where they explored key teachings of Jainism and shared their experiences as Catholics with the staff at the centre.

The children showed excellent behaviour and curiosity during their visits, and came away with a deeper understanding of the world around them. A big thank you to all the places of worship who welcomed us so kindly—it was a truly enriching and memorable week for everyone involved.

We also celebrated our annual International Day—a joyful occasion that brought our school community together to honour and explore the rich diversity within our school.

Children arrived dressed in traditional clothing or colours representing their heritage, proudly sharing their backgrounds with classmates and staff. Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of activities to learn more about the different cultures, traditions, and histories represented in their classes and across the school.

A special assembly was held to celebrate the many heritages within our school community. Together, we thanked God for our differences and the beauty of diversity, and we joined in prayer for world peace, unity, and understanding.

It was a vibrant and meaningful day that reminded us how much we can learn from one another. Thank you to all our families for their support in making International Day such a success.




























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Sacred Heart Feast Day

On Friday 27th June, our school community came together to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart—a special and meaningful occasion in our school calendar.

Phase 1/2 led the Feast Day Mass with confidence and reverence, delivering beautiful readings that helped set the tone for a truly prayerful celebration. The singing from all the children was uplifting and heartfelt, filling the church with a real sense of joy and unity.

Children from Reception through to Year 6 attended the Mass, and their behaviour was exceptional. They showed great respect and reverence throughout the service, which was noticed and warmly praised by many of the attending parishioners.

During the Mass, we reflected on what it means to be part of Sacred Heart—a community with "a heart that sees and a heart that acts." We reminded ourselves that this means looking out for those in need and offering help, kindness, and support wherever we can.

Following the Mass, we enjoyed a celebratory picnic on the school field. It was a lovely way to come together as a community and mark our special day. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us—your presence helped make the day even more memorable.











Aims and Values

Our mission statement is 'Learning and loving with Christ as our teacher.' We live this out in everything we do at school and it is underpinned by our core aims which are for the pupils to be:

Disciples of Christ
Ready to Learn
Secondary Ready

To help these three core aims we focus on Catholic Social Teaching, our LEARNER acronym and British Values.

Catholic Social Teaching:

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is rooted in Scripture, formed by the wisdom of Church leaders, and influenced by grassroots movements. It is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world.

Our faith calls us to love God and to love our neighbours in every situation, especially our sisters and brothers living in poverty. Following in the footsteps of Christ, we hope to make present in our unjust and broken world, the justice, love and peace of God.

This half term, our whole-school focus has been on the Catholic Social Teaching theme of Dignity. As part of this important topic, the children have been learning what it means to recognise and respect the God-given dignity in every person.

Through assemblies, class discussions, and creative activities, pupils have explored how we are all made in the image and likeness of God, and how we can show dignity through kindness, inclusion, and treating others with respect—both in school and in the wider world.

It has been inspiring to see the thoughtful ways in which the children are putting this learning into action in their daily lives. We look forward to continuing this journey together as we deepen our understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and live out our faith in meaningful ways.



Spotlight on Learning

Learner Acronym

L – Love
E – Engage
A – Articulate & Aspire
R - Respect
N – Nurture
E – Effort
R - Resilience

This term, we have placed a strong emphasis on helping our pupils develop resilience—an essential life skill that supports emotional wellbeing, perseverance, and a positive mindset.

Through a variety of classroom activities, assemblies, and circle time discussions, children are learning strategies to help them bounce back from challenges, manage setbacks, and approach difficulties with confidence and determination. We've explored themes such as growth mindset, self-belief, and the importance of learning from mistakes.

Teachers are encouraging pupils to take risks in their learning, to try again when things don't go to plan, and to support one another with kindness and encouragement. We're also celebrating small moments of resilience in our daily routines—recognising when children show perseverance, courage, and a "can-do" attitude.

By creating a safe, supportive environment where every child feels valued and capable, we aim to empower our pupils to face challenges with strength and confidence—both now and in the future.







Sporting Achievements

Throughout June, our pupils took part in a range of exciting sporting competitions, demonstrating fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship.

Our Year 4 and Year 5 boys' and girls' football teams played friendly matches against St Joseph's, showing great skill, respect, and team spirit. We're proud to say that all of our teams won their matches—a brilliant achievement! A big thank you to Mr Reynolds and Mr Aston for organising and supporting the teams.

In addition, all of Year 3 and Year 5 represented our school at an Athletics Tournament at Queens' School. The children took part in a variety of track and field events and impressed everyone with their energy, effort, and behaviour. We're thrilled to share that Year 3 came second in their tournament and Year 5 came first—a truly outstanding result!
Well done to all the children who took part. You represented our school wonderfully and should be very proud of your achievements. Thank you to all of the staff who took the children to these tournaments.







British Values

Each half term we focus on a different British value to ensure our pupils are prepared for life in modern Britain. Pupils are encouraged to regard people of all faiths, races and cultures with respect and tolerance and understand that while different people may hold different views about what is 'right' and 'wrong' all people living in England are subject to its law. The key values are:

Democracy
Rule of law
Individual liberty
Mutual respect
Tolerance of those of different faiths, races and cultures.

This term, our focus is on Tolerance of those of different faiths, races, and cultures — a vital value that we embed across school life. Through a wide range of activities and learning experiences, we encourage children to embrace diversity, develop empathy, and show respect for all.
Here are some of the ways we promoted tolerance this term:

- **Celebrating cultural diversity** – Throughout the year, we mark festivals such as Diwali, Eid, Hanukkah and Chinese New Year. These celebrations offer opportunities for pupils to learn about different faiths and traditions in a joyful and meaningful way. After half term, we will be celebrating One World Week and International Day, where children will explore global cultures, visit places of worship, and learn more about the backgrounds of their classmates and teachers.
- **A diverse and inclusive curriculum** – Our lessons include a wide range of voices, stories, and perspectives, helping children understand the richness of the world around them and the importance of equality and inclusion.
- **A respectful classroom culture** – Every classroom to promote core values of kindness, respect, and belonging. Children are regularly reminded of the importance of treating everyone fairly, regardless of their background or beliefs.
- **Community voices** – Guest speakers and workshops bring learning to life by sharing real-world experiences from people of different faiths and cultures, broadening pupils' horizons and encouraging curiosity.

By exploring and celebrating our differences, we help pupils see what unites us as people. Through these experiences, children gain a deeper appreciation for the diverse society they are growing up in — and the role they can play in making it more inclusive and compassionate.

Pupil Premium Funding

Did you know that your child's school could receive up to £1,600 of additional funding per year to support their learning and wellbeing?

This funding is available for children from Nursery to Year 6 whose parents or carers are receiving certain benefits. The eligibility criteria are the same as those used for applying for free school meals in Key Stage 2.
This extra money can make a real difference — it can help fund things like 1:1 support in maths or literacy, or contribute towards the cost of school trips and other enrichment opportunities. It's all about making sure every child has the chance to thrive and enjoy their time at school.
If you think you or your partner may qualify, you can apply easily and directly online at:
👉 https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals
Once approved, the funding will stay in place for as long as your child is with us. Please note, you'll need to reapply when your child moves:

- From Nursery to Reception
- From Year 2 to Year 3

If you have any questions or would like help with the application, please don't hesitate to speak to the School Office in confidence — we're happy to help.

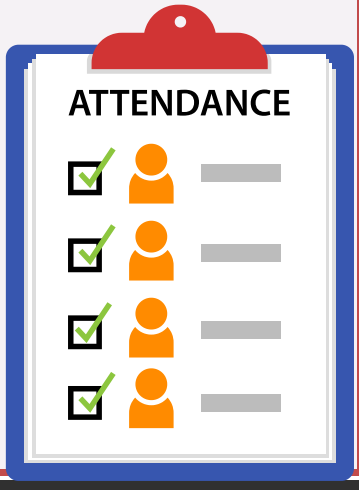
Attendance and Punctuality Update 📊🕒

Good attendance and arriving on time will help your child succeed — they build strong learning habits, stay on track and feel part of the school community.

You can support your child by:

- Keeping a regular bedtime and morning routine
- Getting things ready the night before
- Talking positively about school
- Planning ahead for travel or appointments
- Reaching out if you need support

Thank you for helping your child make the most of every school day!



RE Parent Information



RE Newsletter
Please click on the link below to read the latest RE Newsletter.
www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

Wednesday Word
The Primary School Wednesday Word is an online resource that allows you to reflect on the weekly Gospel. You can access this on the link below:
Wednesday Word

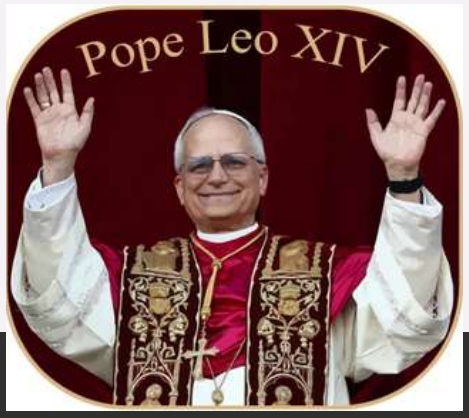
Mark 10 Mission
The Primary School produces weekly videos on the Sunday Gospel. These help children to experience the Word of God, pray and sing together. You can access these on the link below:
https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/

Sacred Heart Church Services
The weekend Mass times at the church are as follows:
Saturday - 6:00pm
Sunday - 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm
There is a children's liturgy during the 10:30am Mass.



Parish Newsletter
You can access the parish newsletter using the link below:
https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/bushey/weekly-newsletters/

Pope Leo XIV
The children have been learning about and praying for our new pope - Pope Leo XIV. We have displayed a picture of him in our library surrounded by prayers.



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